

I have been learning about the possibility of an FCC mandated "broadcast flag" for some time now. Personally, I think the idea is just plain nuts. I believe I should be able to record whatever program I like, to watch whenever I like, wherever I like. Mandating a "broadcast flag" to stop me from recording programs, or from watching a program on a different device, will not make me want to watch a program at its scheduled time.

As a consumer, I refuse to have my life scheduled by the content I wish to "consume." For example, if "Friends" is scheduled for 7:00 on Thursday, and my wife and I have time to watch, we watch it. If we are going to be out that night, we record the program to watch later. If we can't do that, we simply won't watch the program. No great loss for us.

Think about it, when a program is "broadcast" it is freely available to everyone with the equipment to receive the signal. What good does it do to stop people from recording a broadcast program or even sharing it with a friend who missed the program if it was freely available to begin with?

Thank you for your time, and I will ask you again to please not do anything to ruin the current system of over-the-air broadcast television or alter our ability to record television programs we receive.